

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed January 11, 2006 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 7, 9, 11, and 12 are pending in this application, with claim 7 being the only independent claim. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

Claim 7 is amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 10, intervening claim 8, and some of the limitations of intervening claim 9. Claim 7 is also amended to change “connectable to a drive” to --drivable--. Claims 8 and 10 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 9 and 11 are amended to be consistent with the changes made to independent claim 7.

Drawing Objections

In the Office Action mailed January 11, 2006, the drawings are objected to because the Examiner alleges that the drive recited in independent claim 7 is not shown in the drawings. Applicants note that the drive was not positively claimed. Accordingly, claim 7 is amended to now recite that the positioning unit is --drivable--. Since claim 7 no longer recites a drive, the drawing objection should now be withdrawn.

Rejections over Prior Art

Claims 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,694,879 (Schuster) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,390,602 (Görl).

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Schuster and Görl in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,986,182 (Sawaguchi).

Claims 10 and 11 were found to contain allowable subject matter.

In view of the allowable subject matter, independent claim 7 is amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 10, intervening claim 8, and a portion of the limitations of intervening claim 9. Since claim 7 now includes the allowable subject matter of original dependent claim 10, claim 7 should now be allowable.

Dependent claims 9, 11, and 12, each being dependent on independent claim 7, should also be allowable for the same reasons as is independent claim 7, as well as for the additional recitations contained therein.

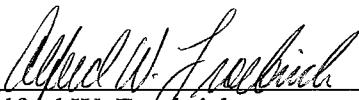
The application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

Respectfully submitted,

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